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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 1, 2006**

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego today handed up a three-count indictment charging Craig Alan German with Impersonation of a Federal Officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 912.

The indictment charges that on September 18, 2006, the defendant knowingly and falsely pretended to be an officer acting under the authority of the Department of Justice, specifically the United States Marshals Service. According to court documents, German impersonated a federal officer in order to purchase a 2003 Dodge Intrepid vehicle with a "police package" outfitted with emergency lights, siren, and rear seat security cage.

According to court documents, on October 17, 2006, German falsely represented himself to be a Special Deputy United States Marshal on detail from Memphis, Tennessee, when he left the Dodge Intrepid at a San Diego automobile shop for repairs. German allegedly requested that the battery be moved from the

engine compartment to the trunk for “pursuit” reasons, and he also requested that the “Code 3” lights be checked.

A review of the records of the U.S. Marshals Service reveals that German is not and has never been employed as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal.

Prior to the issuance of the indictment, the defendant was arraigned on a criminal complaint which also charged him with False Personation of an Officer of the United States. On October 28, 2006, United States Magistrate Judge Louisa S. Porter held a detention hearing based on that complaint. During today’s hearing the defendant was arraigned on the indictment, and Magistrate Judge Porter set bond at \$100,000, together with house arrest with active GPS tracking. The defendant is scheduled to appear next in court on December 4, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. before United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff for motion hearing and trial setting.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 06cr2356-H**

Craig Alan German

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 912 (Impersonation of a Federal Officer)  
Maximum Penalty: Three years’ incarceration and \$250,000 fine.

**AGENCY**

United States Marshals Service

**An indictment is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**